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1. PLEASE INFORM SEPARATELY SENATORS JAMES O. EASTLAND AND JOHN C. STENNIS THAT THEIR CONSTITUENT, MR. ALVIN P. FLANNES, CALLED ON ME AUGUST 15 TO INFORM ME OF HIS BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH IRAN AND HIS INTEREST IN SELLING THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION OF IRAN ON A NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT PATTERNED ON GRAND GULF.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, OUR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATTACHE, DR. ALBERT S. CHAPMAN, ESCORTED MR. FLANNES ON A VISIT TO DR. AHMAD SOTOODEHNIA, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF POWER PROJECTS FOR THE AEOI. MR. FLANNES HIT IT OFF WELL WITH DR. SOTOODEHNIA, WHO AGREED THAT IRAN NEEDS A CENTRAL SOURCE AND STOCK OF VALVES FOR INDUSTRIAL USE. SOTOODEHNIA WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE IDEA OF SAVING TIME AND MONEY FOR IRAN BY ADOPTING THE PLANS FOR GRAND GULF AND MAKING USE OF ITS MISSISSIPPI PROJECT TEAM TO CONSTRUCT A SIMILAR NEUCLEAR POWER STATION IN IRAN. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IRAN HAD OPTED FOR PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS AND TURNKEY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FIRST FOUR NEUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, THIS DID NOT ELIMINATE THE POSSIBLITY THAT IRAN COULD CHOOSE BOILING WATER TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECT/ENGINEER ARRANGEMENTS FOR LATER ONES. MR. FLANNES OFFERED TO BRING SOME

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MENTS FOR LATER ONES. MR. FLANNES OFFERED TO BRING SOME

OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE GRAND GULF PROJECT
AND A PROPOSAL PACKAGE ON HIS NEXT VISIT TO IRAN.
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